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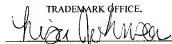
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I CERTIFY THAT NOVEMBER 15, 2006, THIS PAPER IS BEING
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Lisa Johnson**REPLY**

This Reply is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 7, 2006. No fee is thought to be necessary. However, if any fee is required for entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same. This Reply includes the following:

Amendments to the Specification beginning on page 2 of this paper

Claim Amendments beginning on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing the changes.

Remarks beginning on page 12 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.